

Notice of Allowability

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10/796,238

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6-26-7.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-16, 40-65 and 78-90.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 6/26/7
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 2/28/07

7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Carrier on Wednesday, February 28, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

The language of Claim 40 has been deleted in its entirety and replaced with:

--40. (currently amended) A process for making a polyester polymer comprising polycondensing a melt in the presence of an antimony-containing catalyst ", and before the lt.V. of the melt reaches 0.45 dL/g, continuously polycondensing the melt in the polycondensation zone at a temperature within a range of 265°C to 305°C or at sub-atmospheric pressure or a combination thereof, in each case" to produce a melt phase product, wherein the reaction time of the melt between an lt.V. of 0.45 dL/g to an lt.V. ranging from 0.70 dL/g to 0.90 dL/g is 100 minutes or less ", wherein the polyester polymer melt phase product has a b* color of -5 to +5".—

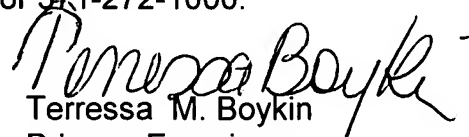
The language of Claim 51 has been deleted in its entirety and replaced with:

--51. (currently amended) A melt phase process for making a polyester polymer melt phase product comprising adding an antimony containing catalyst to the melt phase, polycondensing a melt containing said catalyst in the melt phase ", and before the lt.V. of the melt reaches 0.45 dL/g, continuously polycondensing the melt in the polycondensation zone at a temperature within a range of 265°C to 305°C or at sub-atmospheric pressure or a combination thereof, in each case" until the lt.V. of the melt reaches at least 0.75 dL/g ", wherein the polyester polymer melt phase product has a b* color of -5 to +5".--

Conclusion:

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Terressa M. Boykin whose telephone number is 571 272-1069. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 10-5:30 Friday (work at home).

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